

## NEW MOVE FOR PEACE?

Czar Said to Have Asked  
Advice

## UPON JAP ARMISTICE

He Wants Conditions Not too Humiliating to Accept — Russian Contracts for Arms Have Been Cancelled, 'Tis Said.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Evening Sun has the following Paris cable:

A dispatch to the Petit Parisien from St. Petersburg says that the Czar is said to have consulted competent persons upon the best way to conclude a preliminary armistice with the Japanese, and then to come to a definite understanding, upon conditions that would not be too humiliating or onerous for Russia to accept.

## RUSSIANS CANCELLING CONTRACT FOR ARMS

Mobilization is Held Up in Russian Districts — All Taken to Be Signs of Peace.

New York, Feb. 13.—The Sun has the following cable from London:

A dispatch to the Daily Graphic from Sebastopol says that confirmation seems to be given to the rumors of impending peace negotiations by the continued withholding of mobilization orders at Taurida, which was expected 10 days ago, and also by the sudden suspension of the supply of war munitions from the Sebastopol arsenal and the cancellation of the demands for field guns from the Caucasus.

## HAVE BURIED 144

Wounded at Lodz to Number of 300 Still in Hospital.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Feb. 14.—Advices from Lodz say that a number of men resumed work this morning, but after a couple of hours they again walked out. The town is quiet.

It is semi-officially announced that as a result of the disturbances at Lodz 144 bodies have been buried, while 200 persons are still in the hospitals.

## COAL STRIKE IS OVER

Full Shifts of Miners Return to Work in Prussia Yesterday.

Essen, Prussia, Feb. 14.—The coal strike is entirely ended. Full shifts went into the mines yesterday.

## Gen. Kaulbars in Command

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14.—A telegram says that Gen. Kaulbars (commander of the third Manchurian army) has taken over the command of the second Manchurian army recently vacated by Gen. Gripenberg.

## THREW OUT CHILDREN

Sixteen Families in Panic in Fire in New York City.

New York, Feb. 14.—Sixteen Italian families, with many small children, were thrown into panic by a fire yesterday, in a five-story tenement house at 2057 First avenue, in Harlem. The flames, starting in the cellar, worked their way into the four upper stories of the building before they were discovered, cutting off all means of exit for the tenants except by the fire escapes.

Descending to the second story several panic-stricken women hurled their youngest children to the crowds on the ground. Policemen caught many of the youngsters and carried them to a place of safety.

More than 150 persons were made homeless, and the tenement was ruined. One woman was reported missing.

## WATER MAINS FROZEN

Village of Stowe Is Badly Hit by the Frost King.

Stowe, Feb. 14.—A severe storm accompanied by a high wind prevailed here Sunday and about ten inches of snow have fallen. The electric railroad was tied up and mail and passengers are transported by teams. At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon a motor car which left here at 7 o'clock had covered three of the eleven miles between here and Waterbury.

About 400 feet of the water main at the lower end of the village are frozen. What is known as "the lower village," about one-half mile below the main village, is supplied from the portion of the water system frozen and the supply is therefore cut off. The matter of obtaining an electrical apparatus for thawing out the pipes is being discussed.

## LOW WATER IN FAIRFIELD

Farmers Draw Supply from Black Creek for Stock.

Fairfield, Feb. 14.—There would be a water famine in the part of the town known as St. Rocks if it were not for the proximity of Black creek and as many as eight farmers in that vicinity are obliged to draw water from the creek for all their stock. It is a rare thing for water to be so scarce in Sheldon and Fairfield, as the springs are very numerous and plentiful in those towns.

## Hood's Pills Peptiron Pills

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## STRANGE DISCOVERY AT SEA.

Steamship Goes Through Miles of Debris Nine Feet Thick.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—The Pacific Mail steamer City of Panama, which sailed from this port on Jan. 21 for ports on the Central American coast, had a strange experience, news of which has just been received here by mail from Acapulco. Through miles of sea covered thickly with masses of vegetation, tree trunks and the carcasses of dead animals, the steamer sailed, the debris at times being so thick that her progress was impeded. Some of the trees were five and six feet in diameter, and the dead animals were of all descriptions. The debris was encountered on Jan. 28, in latitude 16.58 North and longitude 100.29 West. The stuff was eight or nine feet thick. The officers of the vessel were unable to explain the strange condition, and when they arrived at Acapulco no light was thrown on the subject. It is supposed that the floating mass of debris was cast up on the waters by some gigantic volcanic eruption on the Central American coast.

## FINDS ORE AT RISK OF HIS OWN LIFE

Guide Takes a Lucky Tumble Down the Mountain and Discovers Wealth.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 14.—While clinging for life to a manzanita bush on the verge of a five hundred feet precipice to which he had fallen, and kicking desperately for a hold in the crumbling rock, Daniel E. Gump discovered a ledge of copper ore which experts pronounce a bonanza.

Gump, who lives in Los Angeles, had conducted a hunting party to Browns Flats in the mountains twenty miles north of here.

Alone he tried a short-cut on the return trip to show his companions it could be done.

Instead of emerging on the trail and meeting the party where he expected, Gump suddenly found himself on a steep mountain side. A boulder turned under him and he slid and rolled down thirty yards, landing cut and bruised in the brush on the edge of an abyss, within an inch of death. His shouts attracted the other hunters after a long time, and it took them nearly a day to rescue him from the fearful position.

When taken down with ropes Gump had samples of ore which local assayers find runs \$50 a ton copper, \$10 gold, and \$3 silver.

The ledge from which he took it at the risk of his life measured several yards on the surface, and capitalists will push extensive development. The strike is in the forest reserve at the head of Live Oak Canyon, where scores of prospectors have labored.

## BEGS FROM HOCH

Latest Wife Wants Her Money Back as She Needs It.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Emeline Fischer-Hoch, the latest wife of Johann Hoch, called upon him today to make a demand for her money.

After Hoch had been brought from a cell into Police Inspector Shipley's office, the wife said:

"John, you have got my money and I want it. Give it back to me if you have any heart at all, for I need every cent."

Hoch answered: "Now, my dear, don't get excited. You will get all your money back and more if you do the right thing. All of these stories about me are false. You leave me alone and you will come out all right. Wait and we will talk it over later."

The woman made no reply.

A special detail of detectives is trying to locate the drug store at which Hoch is supposed to have purchased the arsenic which the police will endeavor to prove was administered to Mrs. Mary Welker-Hoch. The post mortem examination disclosed three grains of arsenic in the woman's stomach.

## SAVED BY SHOPMATE

Wm. Vedder of 9 Ingersoll Ave., Schenectady, Tells How Father John's Medicine Cured His Lungs and Built up His Strength.

"Last fall I had a severe attack of pneumonia and was confined to the house for four months. At the end of that time I was still suffering from a hard, racking cough, from which the doctors could give me no relief. I tried everything I could think of or hear of, but with no beneficial result. In this condition I returned to work. One day a shopmate who noticed how I was suffering advised me to try a bottle of Father John's Medicine. I did so and began to get relief at once. I was soon cured and able once more to take a good night's rest, but fearing that the cough might return I continued taking the medicine until I had used 12 bottles. When I began to take the medicine I was in a very weak condition, but I gained in strength rapidly and am now as strong as ever. I believe my cure was due entirely to Father John's Medicine and I heartily recommend it to all who are similarly afflicted. (Signed) William Vedder, 9 Ingersoll Ave., Schenectady, N. Y."

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## PACKERS OWN THE CAR LINES

The President of the Armour Company Testifies

## DECLINES TO TELL EARNINGS

Says Capital Is Low and Debt Large — Inquiry Resubmitted by the House Sub-Committee.

Washington, Feb. 14.—George B. Robbins, president of the Armour Car Lines company, was questioned at length yesterday by the sub-committee of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce regarding the details of the business of that company. Mr. Stevens, chairman of the committee, brought out that the Armour Car Lines company is a separate organization from the Armour Packing company, although owned by practically the same people. Mr. Robbins refused to state what was earned on the capital of the company, explaining that he had no objection to furnishing the information in confidence to the committee. Mr. Stevens emphasized the necessity of having the information. Mr. Wanger (Pa.) said that should it be furnished he wanted it understood that the confidence imposed would not deter him after receiving it, should he deem it advisable, from making an effort to secure the information in another way for publication. Mr. Robbins said the Armour Car Lines company was capitalized at \$15,000,000; that it had \$1,000,000 cash, representing of this capitalization \$14,000,000. He said that the capital of the company was at a low basis and the debt of the company large. Each year over \$1,000,000 was being put into new equipment, and this represented all the earnings and an increasing debt. The company employed 23,000 persons. The charge to the roads for these cars is three-quarters of a cent per mile. The daily average of miles a car will make Mr. Robbins refused to state for publication. He said that should it appear that the company was earning more than six or eight per cent on its capital, it might be used by the enemies of the company, and at the same time the uncertainties of the business would make the showing less than it would be in a banking business. Eight thousands of the car are fruit cars, the balance being refrigerator cars for the carrying of meats, butter and eggs.

## "SENATORS EAT IMPURE FOOD"

Meat Five Years Old Used in Washington.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The agricultural appropriation bill was taken up in the Senate yesterday. Mr. Stewart offered an amendment authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to determine the standard of foods, declaring that the adulteration of food has grown to alarming proportions. He asserted that much of the fresh meat used in Washington hotels is five years old and said that even Senators eat much impure food. "Why, if you would be more careful in that respect you would be healthier and look brighter," he said. The amendment was lost.

## STOLE GOLD WATCH

George Gonyeau Admits He Took Timepiece While Intoxicated.

Northfield, Feb. 14.—George Gonyeau was arrested yesterday, charged with the theft of a gold watch, valued at \$50, from Lena Whitney, a boarding house keeper of Western Ave., who recently came here from Barre.

Grand Juror C. A. Plumley issued a warrant and the arrest was made by Constable W. W. Holden. Gonyeau surrendered the watch. He was brought before Justice S. H. Kent and admitted that he took the watch from a table last evening, while in an intoxicated condition.

Bail was fixed at \$300 and the respondent was bound over to the next term of Washington county court.

Gonyeau claims that he obtained his liquor at the Whitney boarding house. The man is employed in New York, but came here to visit his parents.

## SOLDIER'S DAY IN COURT.

Five of Uncle Sam's Warriors Plead Guilty in Burlington Court.

Burlington, Feb. 14.—Yesterday was distinctly a day for the private soldier in city court, no less than five bold warriors being arraigned on the charge of being intoxicated although in two cases the warrants were made out for breach of the peace, which offense was started no doubt from an overdose of whiskey. It was all the result of pay day which occurred on Saturday. The soldiers came down and held a regular carnival Saturday evening and yesterday and last night they were noticed on the streets in large numbers. No serious disturbances were reported although several of the boys started a "rough house" in the Traction company's waiting room which the police put a stop to in a speedy manner.

## MASON S. STONE IN MANILA.

Former State Superintendent and Wife in Japan When Port Arthur Fell.

Castleton, Feb. 14.—Recent news from State Superintendent of Education Mason S. Stone and Mrs. Stone, who sailed from San Francisco in October for Japan and Manila, gives an account of their trip to Honolulu in a small Japanese ship, of a day passed at Honolulu, their arrival in Japan, and some time passed there in sight-seeing. Particular mention is made of the decorations and demonstrations in Japan when Port Arthur fell. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are now located in Manila, Philippine Islands.

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## NONE TOO SOON.

Nantucket's Relief Sunday Between Two Cold Waves.

Woods Hole, Feb. 13.—Capt. Wild of the revenue tug Mackinac made his dash to relieve ice-bound Nantucket in the nick of time, as within two hours after his arrival at Woods Hole, last evening, a howling southeast gale began raging and continued all night.

This morning the wind shifted to northeast with a drop in the temperature. Vineyard Sound is today a white mass of broken ice cakes, and from Nobska Point no clear water can be seen from Gay Head to Sacoanesset, a condition never before observed.

Buzzard's Bay still presents an unbroken stretch of snow-covered ice, although the rain and fog of the early morning have resulted in softening the ice considerably.

Off Nobska is an unknown three-masted schooner, which has four anchors down, but it is doubtful if she will be able to hold at her anchorage when the tide turns westward.

The steamer Unadelta was unable to get away from her dock this morning, and the indications are that the harbors will be frozen up solidly within the next 24 hours.

## BIGGEST CATTLE LOSS IN YEARS.

Five Persons Frozen to Death in Oklahoma—Coldest Weather on Record.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 13.—Missouri, Kansas and the southwestern Territories are today shivering in the coldest weather they have known in twenty years. In Oklahoma five persons have been frozen to death and the loss to stock in western Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory is the greatest in years. On the plains of western Kansas hundreds of herds of cattle were stampeded by the fierce gale. In Oklahoma and Indian Territory the weather was the coldest on record, reaching 10 degrees below zero. The supply of coal is short and fear is expressed that many of the poorer Indians will succumb. Cattlemen in the Chickasaw nation report many cattle frozen to death. Telegraph wires in all directions are out of order.

## TUBERCULOSIS LEADS LIST.

In St. Albans 14 Died from It During the Past Year.

St. Albans, Feb. 14.—The report of Dr. A. A. Claffin, health officer of the city of St. Albans, shows that the death rate of the city during the past year has been 20.67 in a thousand. The births were 134 with 6 still birth.

The causes of death were as follows:

Tuberculosis 14, alcoholism 1, softening of the brain 1, pneumonia 12, croup-laryngitis 2, childbirth 1, heart disease and complications 19, convulsions 5, parotiditis 2, diphtheria 2, arterio-sclerosis 1, measles 3, anemia 2, typhoid fever 3, emphysema 1, general debility of age 2, general aches 1, lupus vulgaris 1, cirrhosis of liver 2, Bright's disease of kidneys 4, apoplexy 3, cerebral spinal meningitis 2, acute indigestion 1, infantile debility 4, acute suppurative osteo myelitis 1, cancer 4, epilepsy 2, accident 7, atrophy of liver 1, still born and premature 6, grip 1, prostatic hypertrophy 1, cerebral tumor 1, acute bronchitis 1, cerebral hemorrhage 4, heat prostration 1.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Bromo Laxative Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

## WOMEN AROUSED

Limited Marriage Bill in Colorado Legislature

## PROPOSES GREAT CHANGES

Provides for a Three Years' Minimum Marriage, After Which Each Party Is at Liberty to Choose Again.

Denver, Col., Feb. 14.—Representative Townsend has introduced in the legislature a limited marriage bill, and the club women of Denver have called upon their sisters throughout the state to join them in an effort to kill it. The most interesting sections of the measure follow.

Section 1—All marriages hereafter contracted shall be by written contract, entered into and witnessed before a county judge, notary public or justice of the peace, in the presence of two witnesses.

Sec. 2—Previous to appearing before such officer for the signing of said contract of marriage a license shall be obtained by the parties to such contract specifying the length of the terms of such contract.

Sec. 5—If said contract is for a limited term, it must not be for less than three years nor more than ten years.

Sec. 6—Should the parties to such marriage contract decide to have any additional ceremony performed before a clergyman, it is permitted and allowed.

Sec. 7—If, after six months of any limited marriage contract have expired, should said parties desire, they may appear before the said officer, if alive and in office, and if not before any other proper officer, and, delivering up the limited contract aforesaid, may make another and a new contract, and which shall in all cases be a contract for life, and not for another term of years.

Sec. 9—Such contract may specify which one of said contracting parties shall be the head of the proposed family.

Sec. 10—Said contract may contain an agreement as to any property which is in possession of either party, whether it shall continue to be held as private property or to be put into a common stock, and if said marriage contract be for a limited time, how it shall be distributed at its termination; also which of said parties shall take and hold possession of any children who may be living at such period, to wit, the termination of said marriage contract.

## NO VIOLATIONS OF LIQUOR LAW.

A Stiff Fight Over License Expected in Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Feb. 14.—At the quarterly meeting of the license commissioners Saturday night the officers reported that no violations of the license law had come to their attention the past three months. The officers who reported were Chief of Police E. S. Hall, policemen E. G. Worden, J. A. Amidon, and A. L. Perham, Sheriff F. W. McClure, Deputy Sheriff C. I. Knapp and Constables E. R. Thayer and W. L. Walker.

The approach of town meeting day is causing a renewal of discussion of the question of whether Brattleboro wants license or no license. Both the adherents of license and of no license are making preparations to put speakers in the field, and it is not likely that either side will have a walk-over.

## Shells Still Exploding Along Potomac.

Some days ago the woods in the mountains known as London Heights, opposite Harper's Ferry, took fire and burned with great intensity. After burning for some time a series of explosions were heard which started the inhabitants, and the commotion was so great that it broke windows in some houses in Harper's Ferry, across the Shenandoah.

The explosions were caused by the bursting of shells, which were thrown on the heights at the time when Gen. Mills surrendered to Stonewall Jackson in 1862. These had failed to explode when they were fired, and had lain here for over forty years.—Hagerstown Mail.

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## HATCHED CHICKENS UNDER BEE HIVES

Interesting Discovery Made by a Veteran Apiarist and Farmer of Rome, Ohio, of Method of Supplanting the Hen as Mother.

Rome, Ohio, Feb. 14.—The common honey bee is the latest kind of incubator. Hereafter the patient little hen may have a rival in the industrious little insect, for the latter can be used to hatch biddy's eggs as well as the most improved pattern of man's devices. What is more, the bees can outstrip the mother hen by two days. It takes the old hen twenty-one days to hatch a setting of eggs. A colony of bees can do it in nineteen.

Henry Decker, an old resident of Rome, is an apiarist of consequence. He has climbed to the top of his professional ladder and made some original observations.

Mr. Decker is nearly seventy years of age and is the first person to use the heat generated by bees for hatching chickens. He is able to hatch one hundred chicks from one hundred fertile eggs in nineteen days.

Telling how he came to make this discovery, Mr. Decker said:

"I was transferring a swarm of bees one day and noticed the temperature was about the same as I had it for my incubator, so I got my thermometer and tested the heat that night."

"My wife wanted to know whether there was not another hen that we could set. I told her I thought so, and I put twenty eggs in the beehive that night. I said nothing to any one, but waited to see what would result."

"In nineteen days I happened around the hive and heard a funny noise. Upon opening it I found eighteen chickens out of the twenty eggs. Since that time I have tried it with different numbers of eggs, and have always done as well, according to the number of eggs I put in."

Mr. Decker has been deluged with letters of inquiry, requests for illustrative drawings, photographs, etc.

When preparing the eggs for hatching by bees he puts an old chair cushion over the eggs. The eggs lie on a cotton cloth, which separates them from the bees. Another cushion, made from the quilt, is placed around the edges.

## Newport Woman Commits Suicide.

Mrs. William Horner, who lived about two miles from Newport Ctr., committed suicide Wednesday afternoon, February 8, by hanging.

Mrs. Horner had been engaged in her usual household work, and shortly before 3 o'clock she went out of the house saying to her daughter as she left that she was going to the barnyard to see Mr. Horner. After talking to her husband, she started back toward the house, but failed to return to the kitchen. Mrs. Horner's prolonged absence causing anxiety, the daughter looked about the buildings, finally making the discovery that her mother was hanging in the woodshed chamber. The woman had apparently made deliberate preparations for the deed. Standing on a barrel she made a noose of a double strand of ordinary binder twine and, looping the upper end over a beam extending horizontally from rafter to rafter, she adjusted the noose, kicked the barrel from under, and so ended her life.

Mrs. Horner had at times shown symptoms of mental derangement. She was about 45 years old, and leaves beside her husband, one adopted daughter.